GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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REFINERY IN SUDAN
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether ONGC has been entrusted with the work of construction of a refinery in Sudan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether other PSUs like EIL are also collaborating in the project with ONGC; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) & (b): In view of the satisfactory performance of ONGC/OVL in Sudan in the Greater Nile Oil Project (GNOP) and the 5A & 5B Blocks, where OVL have a participating interest, and keeping in view the excellent relationship between the two countries, the Sudan Government offered the Khartoum-Port Sudan Pipeline Project and Port-Sudan Refinery Project to ONGC/OVL in October, 2003,

After obtaining Government approval, OVL have signed an agreement with the Ministry of Energy and Mining (MEM) of Sudan on 30.6.2004 for implementing the pipeline project, which is scheduled to be inaugurated by Minister(P&NG) towards the end of August or early September, 2005. The proposed Port-Sudan refinery will have a refining capacity of 100,000 bbl/per day for the Coker+Cracker Fluidized Catalytic (FCC) configuration as chosen by the MEM.

(c) & (d): As ONGC/OVL is not essentially a refinery company, for the planning and execution of the Sudan Refinery Project, they have been advised to take the required technical support from Engineers India Ltd.(EIL) and Mangalore Refinery Petrochemicals Ltd. (MRPL), a subsidiary of ONGC, who are in the business of setting up and operating refineries.